

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF—

New Providence Association,

HELD WITH

NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Saturday, Oct. 24, 1891.

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MINUTES.

The third annual session of the New Providence Association convened with the Baptist church at New Harmony on Saturday, October 24, 1891. Introductory sermon by Eld. S. J. Williamson from Jer. 6:16.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION—I O'CLOCK.

The body opened by singing "All hail the power," etc. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Kolb.

Letters were read from the following churches:

Bethel—J. B. Hough, J. R. Tisdale, W. L. Davis.
Friendship—Eld. C. L. Eiland, W. G. Gilchrist.
Mt. Zion—Y. M. Capps, Alex Williamson, J. M. Mount.
New Harmony—M. T. Williams, J. H. Nixon, I. L. Mills, Sr., D. H. Patterson, M. L. Davis.
Pleasant Home—Eld. S. J. Williamson, T. J. Boswell, B. J. Taylor.

Eld. C. L. Eiland was re-elected Moderator, and W. L. Davis re-elected Clerk, and W. G. Gilchrist Treasurer.

The committee appointed at our last session to prepare a Constitution, Decorum and Articles of Faith made its report.

On motion, the rules governing the Salem Association, with a slight change, was adopted.

Correspondents called for. Among the visitors Eld. J. E. Kolb, S. W. Capps and Eld. J. F. Sims reported from the Alabama Association.

Rules governing business hours was adopted: Meet at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m; adjourn at pleasure.

Committees appointed as follows:

On Devotional Exercises—W. G. Gilchrist, B. J. Taylor, I. L. Mills.
Sabbath-schools—J. M. Mount, J. B. Hough, Y. M. Capps.
Nominations—J. H. Nixon, T. J. Boswel, M. L. Davis.
Missions—D. H. Patterson, W. G. Gilchrist.
Periodicals—W. L. Davis, J. W. Smith, J. B. Hough.
Finance—I. L. Mills, D. H. Patterson, M. T. Williams..

SUNDAY.

After a prayer, services were conducted by Eld. S. J. Williamson; hymn, "Greenland's icy mountains."

The missionary sermon was preached by Eld. C. L. Eiland from Matt. 5:14; then a collection was taken amounting to \$17.90.

Adjourned until 3 p. m.

Stand occupied by Eld. J. E. Kolb. Text, 28:19-20.

MONDAY.

9 A. M. Services opened by singing, "Come thou fount."
Prayer by Eld. J. F. Sims.

Minutes read and adopted.

Called for correspondents. Eld. Robt. Hawkins, from Luverne church, reported and brought \$4.00 to our body to be used as we saw proper.

On motion, Eld. Hawkins was elected an honorary member of the body.

Report on Missions called for, and pending its adoption, talks were made by Elds. J. F. Sims, J. E. Kolb and S. J. Williamson.

Pending the adoption of the report on Sabbath-schools, talks were made by Elds. Robt. Hawkins, J. F. Sims and J. E. Kolb.

Pending the adoption of the report on Temperance, strong arguments were introduced by the Moderator, Robt. Hawkins and J. E. Kolb.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. S. J. Williamson.

Executive Committee's report read and adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee ask leave to report the following:

The Master said, "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations;" the world is the field, "ye are the light of the world." As missionary Baptists this refers to us. "But if the salt has lost its savor it is of no use." If God has given us the true light it makes us responsible for its dissemination. Are we discharging our duty? The letters from the churches say nay. For convenience our Mission Work has three distinct boards, State, Home and Foreign. The State Board attends to the destitution in Alabama; the Home Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., controls the Mission Work in the South; the Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Va., and attends to the Mission Work of foreign lands.

D. H. PATTERSON, Ch'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools ask leave to submit the following:

Notwithstanding the importance of the Sabbath-school cause there seems to be but little interest manifested in our Association, there being but one Sabbath-school reported in our bounds. We recommend that a Sabbath-school be organized at each of our churches, and that the Bible be used as our text-book, generally, and for those not sufficiently advanced, to use the Kind Word series.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MOUNT, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance ask leave to submit the following:

We fear the cause of temperance is progressing slowly in our bounds. We think that our churches should exercise a rigid discipline towards the drinking of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, when participated in by our church members; and we think that Baptists who sign whiskey dealers' petitions should be watched, and charges preferred against them for so doing.

ROBT. HAWKINS, Ch'n.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations submit the following:

Time of holding next session Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1892, at Pleasant Home church, 11 miles southwest of Rutledge, in Crenshaw county. Introductory sermon by Eld. R. W. Davis; Eld. C. L. Eiland, alternate. Executive Committee—H. L. Short, Thad Hough, A. H. Rodgers, M. T. Williams and D. H. Patterson.

J. H. NIXON, Ch'n.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee ask leave to report the following:

We did not see the necessity of trying to employ any minister to do general evangelistic work. At Rose Hill, Covington county, there was a weak church, which had wellnigh gone to pieces. So early last spring we secured the services of Eld. C. L. Eiland to go to work there. Our treasury contained \$6.60, which we paid him, with the understanding that the churches in our bounds would increase that fund to \$50 for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. DAVIS, Ch'n.

REPORT OF OUR EVANGELIST.

Early in the year I visited the Baptist church at Rose Hill, known as Mt. Gilead church; found it in a bad condition, and they were speaking of disbanding. They soon went to work, and during the year their membership has doubled; they have erected a nice church house 30x40 feet. I baptized 6, received by letter 1. I preached once a month at an old Freewill church house. Miles traveled, 450; sermons preached, 40.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. EILAND, Evangelist.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals ask leave to submit this report:

We believe the Holy Bible should be read in preference to anything else, and we believe that every Baptist should be a patron of the Alabama Baptist or some other Baptist paper. Kind Word series should be patronized for Sabbath-school literature. Our Mission Quarterly too, we think, should be in all our families.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. DAVIS, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance ask leave to submit the following report:

From our five churches the following funds. For missions, \$40.45; Sabbath collection, \$17.90; Monday collection, by Eld. J. F. Sims, \$6.45; Luverne church, \$4.00; for minutes, \$13.10; for Foreign Missions, \$1.50.

Respectfully submitted,

I. L. MILLS, Ch'n.

Resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. J. M. Mount.

Resolved, That we feel under lasting obligations to the brethren, sisters and friends around New Harmony for their kindness, liberality and hospitality during our stay.

Voted by the body that the Treasurer pay to Eld. Eiland \$40.40 of the Mission funds, which was done.

Statistics, pastors, licentiates, etc., of the different churches, are as follows:

Bethel church—Pastor, Eld. C. L. Eiland; post-office, Bullock. Days of meeting, second Sabbath and Saturday before. Clerk's post-office, Luverne. Baptized, none; received by letter, 2; dead, none; excluded, 3; membership last reported, 56; dismissed by letter, 11; present membership, 45; funds for minutes, \$3.10; State Missions, \$10.00. No regular Sabbath-school.

Friendship church—Pastor, C. L. Eiland; days of meeting, second Sabbath and Saturday before; Clerk, W. G. Gilchrist; post-office, Bullock; none baptized; received by letter or restored this year, none; neither have any member died; dismissed by letter, 3; present membership, 61; number last reported, 64; minute funds, \$2.30; State Missions, \$10.00; Sabbath-school superintendent, C. I. Hughes, Bullock; ordained minister, C. L. Eiland.

Mt. Zion church—Pastor last year, Eld. B. Cooper; present pastor is a licentiate, Eld. Robt. Hawkins; Clerk, J. M. Mount; post-office, Peacock; pastor's post-office, Luverne; membership last reported, 36; no increase in any manner; dead, 1; excluded, 1; present membership, 34; days of preaching, first Sabbath and Saturday before; sent for minutes, \$2.05; missions, \$10.00.

New Harmony church—Pastor, J. E. Kolb; post-office, Rutledge; Clerk, D. H. Patterson; post-office, Luverne; present membership 44; number last reported, 45; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 3; mission funds, \$10.65; minutes, \$3.00.

Pleasant Home church—Pastor, S. J. Williamson, post-office, Pigeon Creek; Clerk, F. A. Garrett (licentiate); post-office, Norwood; preaching days, first Sabbath and Saturday before; ordained minister, B. Cooper; received by letter, 5; additions by baptism, 20; dead, 2; dismissed by letter, 7; membership last reported, 57; present membership, 74; sent for minutes, \$3.00; none for missions.

After passing an order, that we have the Clerk to have 150 copies of minutes printed, and have them ready for the churches by December 25, prox., the body took the parting hand and adjourned to meet as before stated.

ELD. CHAS. L. EILAND, MODERATOR.

W. L. DAVIS, Clerk.

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